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REMARKS:

After entry of this response, Claims 40, 42, and 44 to 59 are pending. Claim 40 has been amended, and claims 41 and 43 have been cancelled. Claims 40, 50 and 55 are the independent claims.

Claims 40 to 49

Claims 40, 42, 44, and 46 to 49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,883,884 (Atkinson). Claims 41, 43 and 45 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their base claim.

Applicant has amended claim 40 to recite the subject matter of allowed claims 41 and 43 in the disjunctive (i.e., using "or"). Claims 41 and 43 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claim 40 and its remaining dependent claims are now believed to be allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

Claims 50 to 59

These claims were allowed. They have not been amended herein.

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Expedited Issue

Applicant respectfully requests expedited allowance of the application and expedited issue of the patent.

Closing

The entire application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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